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Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Aug. 1.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.

WE have to add to the Accounts given in our laſt by private Letters from Barcelona, which are of the 22d paſt N. S. that the St. Leger from Genoa, and the Dickey from Hamburg, two Engliſh Ships had offered themſelves for the Tranſport Service, but the Spaniſh Commiſſaries refuſed to employ them, ſaying that they only wanted ſingle Deck Ships, they having hired a Number ſufficient for tranſporting the Foot with Stores and Ammunition. They add, that the whole Number taken into the Service of his Catholick Majeſty, Men of War, Tranſports, &c. amounted to 400 Sail, beſides the Engliſh, French and Dutch Quotas, and that every Thing was almoſt ready for the ſaid Expedition except Money, which however they ſoon expected to be ſupplied with by the Arrival of the Flota, and that then the Fleet would put to Sea directly.

Mean time we ſtill flatter our ſelves with the Hopes of an Accommodation with the Emperor, which the Government ſeems to have very much at Heart; for notwithſtanding all that has been ſaid upon the Concluſion of the Treaty with Spain, as that we had gained thereby a general Peace, Commerce, &c. yet they have publiſhed to day the following Repreſentations, amongſt the reſt, That aſſoon as the War breaks out, all our Trade to Leghorn, Naples, Gallipoli and Meſſina, is at once cut off by the Imperial Troops poſſeſſing thoſe Ports, and prohibiting the Commerce there.

The Miniſter of the Grand Duke of Tuſcany, was Yeſterday on the Royal Exchange and in ſeveral Coffeehouſes, earneſtly ſoliciting the Engliſh Merchants trading to Leghorn, to put a Stop to the removing their Perſons and Effects from thence to Genoa; but his Excellency we hear had for Anſwer, That they did not ſee what Security they could have for their Effects in caſe the Spaniards came to undertake their Expedition againſt Tuſcany, and that the Imperialiſts entred the Grand Duke's Dominions to oppoſe them.

His Excellency Horatio Walpole Eſq; we are told is hourly expected here from Paris, and Stephen Pointz Eſq; is to be appointed Ambaſſador in ordinary at the French Court in his Room.

Yeſterday there was a Court of Common Council at Guildhall, when the Aldermen Parſons, Barber and Barnard, with ſome of the Common Council Men, were appointed to enquire into the Gratuities and Salaries granted by the Court of Aldermen, within ten Years laſt paſt; as alſo into the Gratuities and Sums of Money granted by the City Lands for the ſame Space of Time.

The ſeven Chiefs of the Indians having taken Leave of their Majeſties and Royal Family at Windſor, came from thence Yeſterday to Mr. Arn's an Undertaker in Covent Garden, where they have taken Lodgings, being recommended thither by the four Indian Kings that came over in the 1710.

We hear a certain Juſtice of the Peace not far from Fulham, ſhot himſelf dead laſt Thurſday Morning with a Piſtol: 'Tis ſaid he had Dealings with a Perſon well known at Hackney, as alſo in this City.

Another Ship from Greenland is arrived named the Eagle, with one Whale, but gives no other Account than the two former, of the Succeſs of the reſt, the two Ships are not yet arrived from St. David's Streights.

The Mother of Thomas Robinſon Eſq; Member of Parliament for Morpeth, now in Italy, died laſt Sunday at Wooburn in Bedfordſhire, whoſe Jointure being a conſiderable Eſtate falls to the ſaid Mr. Robinſon.

'Tis written from Anſpach, that the King of Pruſſia has promiſed the Princeſs Sophia his fourth Daughter in Marriage to the Hereditary Prince of Bareith.

From the Evening Poſts, Aug. 1.

Paris, Aug. 5. Letters juſt arrived by the Poſt from Rome, of the 20th paſt, ſay, That the People

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are more and more pleased with this Pope, and very much regret his great Age, thinking he will not live to do all the Good he is capable. His Understanding is clear, and he is of a firm resolute Mind, but for all that, he is not exempt from Infirmities, as indeed few Popes have been. He carries every Night the Marks of Age to Bed with him, nor is he able to shake them off in the Morning: And he is moreover troubled with the Gout. To his Holiness's Election the Emperor was consenting, and without which, however worthy, he could not have the Keys. They who are most displeased with the Choice, are the Benedictines and Savoyards; and the Citizens of Rome did not first like it, but the latter are entirely come over, upon the Merit of his liberal Heart, his personal Estate being about 80,000 Livres a Year. Besides, he begun with popular Things, having lowered the Prices of Bread, Oil and Soap. He set out t'other Day from S. Peter's to Monte Cavallo, amidst the Acclamations of the People, and distributed many Gifts to the Poor out of the publick Treasury, and out of his own private Purse he gave 1000 Crowns. The Chevalier de St. George, with his Intimates, have been with his Holiness; and his Nephew has paid a Visit to the said Chevalier; but we know not, whether it was a Visit of Respect, or upon particular Business.

Rome, July 18. After 4 Months and odd Days, the Conclave is terminated much to the Satisfaction of the People; however it may be to the Great Men of the World, who endeavoured to procure a Pope who should most favour their Interest. But not to derogate from the Merit of many of the Sacred College, we may affirm, that Clement XII. is very worthy to sit in S. Peter's Chair; and however Hereticks and Atheists may take Occasion, from the Length of the Conclave and Wranglings of the Cardinals, to scoff and deride, it will pass with religious and pious Men for the Work of the Holy Ghost, that so eminent a Person is appointed to govern the Church.

Moscow, July 1. Men talk of a new Alliance being ready to appear in publick between the Emperor and the Czarina.

Madrid, July 28. They raise additional Recruits throughout all the Kingdom. And 'tis said several new Men of War are soon to be put on Stocks; and our Line of Battle Ships are 20 in Number, 30 Pregats from 16 to 20 Guns. The Flota from the Havana is expected at Cadix next Week.

Hague, Aug. 6. Several more Persons suspected of Sodomitical Practices, are fled hence.

Alicant, July 19. Here are no less than 20,000 Horse and Foot in our Neighbourhood, which are mostly to imbark here.

Dublin, July 25. A Merchant in Town having lately imported some Wheat from Sicily, sowed a Bushel and an half of it in an Acre and a Quarter of Ground, Plantation Measure, at the Green Hills near this, being advised by a Gentleman who knew the Nature of it, to sow no more; which Growth and Increase is surprizing: The Farmers flock to see it from all Parts, and it is guarded Day and Night lest it should be stole. Out of each Grain springs up 11 or 12 Stalks, and each Stalk produces 7 or 8 Heads, which all spread out at the Top as a Womans Fan when opened: At a moderate Computation the Bushel and a half will produce above 40 Barrels. The Gentleman who imported it, has received 6 l. sterl. per Barrel, for several Barrels he has sold.

London, Aug. 1. We hear the marching Regiments intended for the Italian Expedition will be augmented with 2 Companies each, consisting of 50 effective Men, besides Officers.

We hear there will be shortly a Promotion of General Officers.

We hear Lt. General Whetham, Commander in Chief of the Forces in Ireland, is preparing to set out thither.

We are told the Flota expected at Cadix has on board 16 Million Pieces of Eight in coin'd registred Silver, and as much Goods as makes up 24 Million.

Charles Withers Esq; hath acquainted their Majesties, that the Levellings in Windsor Forest will be completed by the Middle of September next.

S. S. Stock, 103, 5 8ths.

The French Mail brought an Account of the Spanish Court being removed from Cazalla to Viriquitos, not far from Seville; whither they would proceed next was uncertain.

A great many Robberies have been committed since our last.

From the Weekly Journal, Aug. 1.

The less we say of publick Affairs from this Place will be the truest, unless it be to contradict the Idle Reports Fame dispenseth here, and taken up on Credit to fill Dutch Gazettes; such as his Majesty's ordering the Troops to imbark on the Italian Expedition, his writing a Letter to the Queen of Spain

Spain to put off the Project till the Spring, and that then he will be ready with all his Troops to bring the Emperor to Reason. Thus do People trouble their Heads about the King, who troubles his Head about no Body. What may be depended on is, That the King is at present at Compeigne, where he hunts every Day the Week except Sundays and Wednesdays, and will continue so to do till the 24th next Month, then the hunting Court will remove to Versailles, where his Majesty will sit for his Picture to present to the English Alderman who hunts with him. The King is to be drawn on Horseback, but whether in a *Martial* or *Hunting* Habit, we are not informed.

We have another Adventure to acquaint you with, which is concerning a Counsellor, that is, a Member of the Parliament of Paris who has lately been mark'd for a Rogue by an Officer of Justice; That a Member of Parliament should be a Rogue is not perhaps so new a Thing, but the Manner that this Gentleman suffer'd the Disgrace, perhaps may be without Precedent. The Gentleman had a House at Amiens, where he used to reside for some Time, and there happening to take a Liking to a young Woman of low Condition, after some Solicitation he obtained his Will, by the old Bite, that is to say, the Promise of Marriage.--- The Girl soon found how she had been deceived, for the Member came away to Paris, without offering to perform his Promise, however she thought of sodering up a crack'd Reputation as well as she could, and in his Absence makes a Match with another Officer of the Law, commonly called the Hangman. The Councellor returning found his Mistress married, but not thinking that need to be any Hindrance to their Amour, he makes a private Appointment with her as formerly; the Hangman who was a Sharp Fellow watch'd their Motions, and finding them lodged, went hard by and heated his Iron with which he us'd to mark Felons for petty Thefts, and then breaking into the Room, applies it burning hot to the Posteriors of the Councellor, and there left his Token of the Flower-deluce; when Execution was over he carried away his Wife, and declares that he will enter no other Action for Criminal Conversation with her.

Paris, Aug. 5. The Hangman of Amiens, who clapp'd his Mark upon a Councellor of the Parliament, without having the Judgment of the Law for such an Execution, is for that Fact condemned to be hang'd; however the Defendant has brought his Appeal before the Parliament of Paris, who perhaps may impose a milder Sentence. This Quarrel between the judicial and executive Part of the Law looks with a pleasant Aspect, for if the old Proverb be true, *That they are always in the Right who have the Gallows on their Side*, the Hangman may come to do the Kingdom some Service, by thinning the Members of the Long Robe.

They write from Spain, That Mr. Keene had received the *Ratifications* of the Seville Treaty, to be exchanged against those of France and Spain; and that that Minister had received the Instrument appointing him First Commissary for settling the several Claims of the English Merchants, (tho' they did not hear of any Commissaries being appointed on the part of Spain;) and that this Minister had made fresh Complaints anent the new Exactions and Insults practised on the Ships of his Nation in Europe and America.

If this Account be true, it seems to contain a full Confutation of all that has been writ against the *pacifick Treaty of Seville*; for if it had been found by Experience, that there was any Weight in the Objections that have been made against it, we cannot suppose that ever it would have been *Ratified*; since it certainly is a better way to get rid of a bad Treaty, by refusing to *Ratify* it, than *break* it after so solemn a Confirmation.

Our Letters from Berlin give a melancholly Account of the entire Destruction of the Corn-field, and Meadows thereabout, by terrible Swarms of *Grasshoppers*.

We are somewhat at a loss to determine, whether this extraordinary Account ought to be interprete in a *literal* Sense, or according to Mr. *Woolston*'s *Allegorical Typical Manner*, to describe the Miseries of a *standing Army*, who prey upon the Labours of the poor industrious Farmers, and ofte nprove troublesom to the Prince himself. Their *marching in Columns*, seems at least to favour such an Interpretation: But we must leave it to the Judgment of the Learned, being unwilling to impose our own Opinions on the publick in so critical a Case.

Tomorrow (the 5th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at *Leith* at 6 o' Clock, 15 Min. Saturday, at 7, 3 Min. Monday, at 8, 51 Min.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

August 5th, 1730.

By Order of the Court of DELEGATES.

Several Creditors on the Eſtates of SEAFORT and AYTON, and Adjudgers from the ſaids Creditors, particularly from FRANCES Counteſs of SEAFORT; having craved Debenture in their Favours to be granted by the ſaid COURT: Therefore, all Perſons concerned are hereby Advertiſed, That the ſaid COURT will proceed on theſe Matters on the LAST FRIDAY, being the Twenty-Eighth Day, of this Month, at Three a-clock after Noon, in the Seſſion-houſe, Edinburgh; to the end they may then and there compear with their ſeveral Intereſts: With Certification, That the COURT will then proceed to iſſue Debentures, in favours of ſuch Creditors whoſe Intereſts ſhall be then produc'd.

☞ There is to be Sold, in the Dubraw, South Leith, near the Geeen Tree, beſt BARLEY MALT, made and dried with Cinders, after the Engliſh Manner, at 13 ſh. 9-Pence ſterl. per Boll. Enquire at David Yates there.

☞ Any Perſon who wants a New-colted ASS, with a SHE COLT, may enquire at James Brownlee at the Exchange Coffeehouſe; where they will be informed how to be provided.

☞ That at the Town of KILRANIE in the County of Fife, upon the 14th Day of Auguſt current, betwixt the Hours of 9 and 12 in the Forenoon, there is to be expoſed to publick Sale within the Tolbooth of Kilranie, by Mr. Thomas Fordice Deputy Admiral on the Coaſt of Fife, a larg Parcel of Blubber, or the Speck and Sperm of three Sperma Cete Whales lately come in on that Coaſt, conſiſting of about 146 Barrels of Speck or Blubber, and 23 Barrels of Sperma Cete Speck. The ſaid Speck and Sperm is to be ſeen at the ſaid Town of Kilranie, and the Conditions of Sale in the Hands of Thomas Nairn one of the Baillies of Anſtruther, or in the Hands of the ſaid Thomas Fordice at Edinburgh.

☞ That the Roup of the TENEMENT of HOUSES belonging to the deceaſt *David Denoon* Saddler and late Bailie in Canongate, lying in the North-ſide of the Head of the Canongate: Is, by Order of the Creditors of the ſaid *David Denoon*, further prorogate to the ſecond Tueſday of January next 1731.

Juſt come to Leith,

A Parcel of extraordinary-fine WET COD-FISH, catched at Iceland in the North Sea, being all fiſh'd in deep Water, and are preferable to any that ever was ſeen in this Country: As alſo a Parcel of fine Dry'd LING FISH, all to be Sold, in Retail or Wholeſale, at reaſonable Rates. Enquire at JOHN STRACHAN Merchant in Leith, at his Houſe in the Broad Wynd.

By ADJOURNMENT:

☞ That the Lands of *Eaſter-Harburnhead*, of *L.* 538 06, 08 Scots of yearly Rent, with a convenient Dwelling Houſe two Storeys high, with good and convenient Office houſes, all lately repaired, and ſome planted litle Incloſures. The Lands of *Weſter-Harburnhead*, *L.* 266 13 04 *Middle-Muir*. *L.* 72 13 04; 16 Bolls Meal; lying contiguous. The Lands of *Dreſſelrig* and *Sandiegate*, *L.* 109 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, 1 Boll Oats; a Pendicle thereof call'd *Backſtonfoord*, *L.* 26 06 08 Money, 4 Bolls Meal. The Lands of *Well-heads* of *Williamſton*, *L.* 191 02 04 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, yearly Rent; all lying in the Parithes of Mid and Weſt Calders, and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh; all ſet to good and ſufficient Tenants, at the above Rent, conform to Tacks. To be holden Feu of the Crown, or of the Right Honourable the Lord of Torphichen: ARE to be Rouped and Sold upon the SEVENTH Day of AUGUST inſt. in the Houſe of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, jointly or ſeparately, as hereto ſubjoined, in four different Parcels; and to be ſet up at eaſy Rates. The Rental, Progreſs, and the Conditions of Roup, are to be ſeen in the Hands of JAMES SCOT Writer in Edinburgh, at his Houſe in Byres's Cloſe, or George Dick Writer in Mid-Calder. *Nota*. The Lands are very improvable, being partly Muir and partly Dale-Lands; a Slate Quarey in the Lands of Eaſter-Harburnhead, Moſs in ſeveral of the Mailings, and a Lime Quarey in Backſtonefoord, and lying near to ſeveral Coal heughs:

1. *Eaſter-Harburnhead* and *Middlemuir*.
2. *Weſter-Harburnhead*.
3. *Wellheadlands* of *Williamſton*.
4. *Dreſſelrig*, *Sandygate* and *Backſtonford*.

Nota. If any Perſon has a-mind to purchaſe upon reaſonable Terms, before the Day of Roup, they may enquire at the ſaid *James Scot*, or *George Dick*; at both which Places they may be treated with. And the Lands are to be ſet up at Twenty Two Years Purchaſe.

By ADJOURNMENT till November.

By the Truſtees for MERCHISTON *and* LETHEM *their Creditors:*

That the Lands of MOUNT, lying in the Pariſh of Monimeal and Shire of Fife, and Teinds of the ſame, holding Taxtward of the Crown, and paying of yearly Rent 733 *L.* 6 *ſh.* 8 *d.* Scots Money, and 8 Bolls of Oats. As alſo, That the Lands of GLADSTANES and GREENSHEILS, lying in the Pariſh of Liberton, Barony of Carnwath, and Shire of Lanark, holding Feu of the Laird of Carnwath and paying yearly *L.* 1668 06 08 Scots of Money, and a Chalder and an Half of Meal, and half a Chalder of Bear And alſo, a TEMPLE-LAND in Lamington, paying *L.* 19 yearly, and holding of the Earl of Haddington. ARE all to be expoſed (ſeparately) to Roup and Sale by the ſaids Truſtees, on 2d Friday of November next, in Wm. Gray's Vintner at the Head of Borthwick's cloſe, Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rentals, Progreſs, with the Writs and Conditions of Roup of the ſeveral Subjects, are to be ſeen in the Hands of JAMES HALIBURTON, Writer to the Signet and Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

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